

to admire its scenery, beautiful as it is; my mission was to preach. For the greater part of the first week I was at Round Hill assisting Brother Shaver and brother Geo. Copp in a meeting at that place. It was not my privilege to be present either at the beginning or the ending of the meeting; it was well under way when I arrived, and was full of interest and life when I came away. There were, up to that time, seven conversions and all who had professed conversion were baptized and received into the church.

After filling my appointments at home I returned to Virginia, this time to Dayton where sister Laura Grossnickle Hedrick is pastor. The membership in the Dayton congregation is not large, but the members are excellent people and are loyal and zealous and we had an excellent meeting tho there were but two conversions. The assumption of domestic cares has not robbed Sister Hedrick of any of her ability in the pulpit, and with her as pastor the outlook for the Dayton church is bright. Among the brethren whom I met I must mention brother John Raish of the Dayton congregation. He has made Bible Prophecy a life study, and has prepared a very interesting and helpful chart by which many difficult passages in both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures are explained. I cannot explain the full scope of it here, but if any one is seeking light on those Scriptures which speak of the Coming Kingdom he will do well to write to Brother Raish at Harrisonburg, Va. My appointments at home were filled, during the two Sundays I was absent by Sister Detwiler.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

Zion Hill Church Ohio

It has been some time since I have contributed to your columns. It is with pleasure that I come again to tell you what a good, spiritual communion meeting we had at the Zion Hill church on last evening, Oct. 27. In the morning at our regular appointment we had the pleasure of listening to a very fine discourse by our editor, brother A. D. Gnagey. In the evening we met for communion service. Our pastor, Brother Kieffer, and Brother Gnagey officiating. The meeting was well attended, and a deep spiritual feeling was manifested. We do indeed feel to thank Brother Gnagey for his presence, and hope he may have enjoyed himself well enough among us to come again. We feel that every one present at our services yesterday was greatly benefited by being there.

Pray for the cause at this place. Oh, that we may put forth every effort to bring others into the fold of Christ is the prayer of your unworthy sister,
MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL,
Wooster, O.

My Visit to Ashland, Ohio

At the solicitation of brother J. Allen Miller, in company with brother D. J. Miller, of Lattsburg, we visited Ashland on Saturday, Oct. 26, and remained with the Brethren over Sunday. Brother Miller made his home with brother C. E. Beekley, while I had the pleasure of being entertained at the hospitable home of President J. A. Miller.

Attended the Sunday school at the College on Sunday morning, and the young peoples Bible meeting in the evening at 5 o'clock. Both are well attended and interesting. At 7:30 communion services opened in the College Chapel. This was the largest communion so far as the number of communicants is concerned (with the possible exception of Johnstown) that it has been my privilege to attend since the organization of the Brethren church. The very best of order prevailed. The Chapel was well filled, but all were quiet and attentive. The occasion very vividly brought to my mind the first communion we held in the same room just about nineteen years ago. Then but few participated. Some were hesitating and debating as to which side they would identify themselves with. Now the Brethren church is a living

reality in the city of Ashland and has a standing second to none.

It affords me much pleasure to declare to the Brotherhood at large that our Ashland Brethren, including students, Professors, President, Boarding Hall Steward, and Stewards, are all strictly orthodox and ever ready to defend the entire gospel, and that it is as safe a place for Brethren to entrust the training and education of their children to, as can be found between the two oceans. I have not been asked to say this, but do it of my own volition.

I was agreeably surprised to see how the city of Ashland is growing and building up with palatial residences etc.
P. J. BROWN.

Congress, Ohio.

Trent, South Dakota.

September 30, eight of us started for Waterloo, Iowa, some to attend the District Conference, others to visit among our friends. The Conference opened in the evening of October 1, Brother Welty delivering the sermon in the new Brethren church of Waterloo. The building is a fine one, and the Brethren are thankful for this place of worship.

The Conference was in session two days, and during this time we had the pleasure of hearing Brethren Talley, Livengood, Teeter, Welty, Hall, Myers, Hensel, Sisters Gibbons and Flora, and others. It did us good to meet these people whom we had not seen for some time. Yet there were a good many absent faces, among them Brother Gillin and wife and others whom we met here in former days. We had a very nice and profitable meeting, one long to be remembered.

A number of people remained after the Conference visiting old friends. My aged parents live here, aged 75 and 79 years. We heard Brother Bashor preach three times and attended one prayer meeting. We arrived home safe October 19, found all well, praise the Lord. Our visit was a very pleasant one. I think we are now getting ready to build a new church here in our little town of Trent, that is if we can raise the money; have \$700 subscribed already, but we would like to have more to begin with. If any one in the Brethren church wants to donate some money for a good cause let him send it on, it will be gladly accepted.

Mrs. Eli Hoover.

North Georgetown, Ohio.

Since our last report six more made the good confession, and all were baptized.

The whole matter summed up as follows. Brother Byers began his revival September 30th, and closed Oct. 26th, being one of the grandest revivals ever held in this part of God's vineyard, with 21 accessions, 20 by baptism and one by relation. The church is very much strengthened and brought in closer relationship by these results.

Communion services were held Sunday night Oct. 20th, with over 60 surrounding the Lord's table.

We ascribe these good results to the honor and glory of God. By and thru his will the power was transmitted to the pastor, who by the power received from on high preached with such force that it reached the hearts of the unconverted.

G. A. RUFF.

Meyersdale, Pa.

Our Semi-annual communion was held on the evening of Oct. 20th, and was well attended, 104 communed, about all of whom were from this congregation.

Brother Knepper commenced meeting on Wednesday evening previous to the communion. During these services, three connected themselves with the church, two by baptism and one by letter. Also a few weeks ago two baptized at Summit Mills church which belongs to this charge.

The Meyersdale congregation repaired their parsonage and painted it, also the church building

this summer at considerable expense and all paid for and about all feel happy.

Our pastor and sexton are paid their salary promptly every month. In consequence the pastor can pay cash for all his needs, and the merchant seeks his patronage because of it, and sells his goods to him at the lowest profit, and the pastor is made happy. This church is not a congregation of means, but we have adopted this method for years of conducting our finances and find it an advantage to both pastor and his people.

J. M. OLINGER.

Report of Pennsylvania Conference Held at Altoona October 1-3, 1901

The fourteenth annual convention of the Brethren churches convened at 1:30 P. M. with Moderator Haskins in the chair. After devotional services the moderator appointed J. B. Wampler, Daniel Crofford, J. R. Keller a committee on credentials. The moderator then delivered his annual address, which is as follows:

As your retiring moderator and according to custom and the program, I have the pleasure to submit what you are pleased to call the moderator's report. There are many reasons for our rejoicings today. God has dealt most kindly with us. Almost without exception the churches of this district have pressed forward, not that we have already attained, for more than ever is the church called to a forward movement. In as careful a study of the statistics of the churches of Pennsylvania as is possible, I find that in the past five years the prorata of increase in membership has been over twenty-five per cent, the increase of money spent in improvements over fifteen per cent, the amount paid toward missions of all kinds two and one-half times as great while sad to relate as we grow in wealth and liberality the per cent of conversions grow less and less each year, unless as we hope, the statistics of this year should again mark an ascending scale: I should desire at this place to recommend that these conferences be turned more toward the development of the evangelistic spirit among our churches. We need the fire of longing for souls kindled anew, and no better place to do this can be found than at our church conference. This, the first conference of a new century, ought to be memorable in the part of

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